

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 1057**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Medical Malpractice Action Arbitration		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 1057 amends Section 15-79-120 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to mediation and arbitration in Medical Malpractice Action, by allowing parties to the action to participate in binding or non-binding Alternative Dispute Resolution before the action is brought to trial.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Judicial Department indicates that enactment of this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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